

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donald Beautification Group Meeting

The DBG would love to have you join! It is a great way to connect with your neighbors and local businesses. Next they are holding a contest to officially name the Little City Park (next to City Hall). If you have a raffle prize to donate for the contest's winner, please contact City Hall and we will relay the info. The next meeting is Monday, February 10 from 6:30-7:30pm at Donald City Hall.

The Donald Hazelnut Festival Returns

After a year off, our Hazelnut Festival is back on! Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 11th, 2020. We've got our committee on board and are happy to welcome our two co-chairs – Jim Peters and Debby Hawk. The committee is planning an amazing event this year. We'll have it all – music, food, dancing, vendors, kid's activities, face painting, a parade, classic car show and raffles. If you're a big fan of the Hazelnut Festival, you can volunteer! We are currently looking for help with the parade, car show, vendor committee assistance, kiddie games, entertainment committee raffles, and logistics. If you would like a smaller time commitment, you also can help with setup and breakdown and volunteer for just the day of the event. If you want to help your community, you can volunteer by:

- Dropping by City Hall to fill out a volunteer form.
- Or, email: info@donaldhazelnutfestival.com.

If you volunteering, you can also attend the next Donald Hazelnut Festival Committee meeting:

February 12, 2020 at 6pm at Donald Community Center.

Can't wait to see you all at the Festival!

City Hall:

City Manager: Heidi Bell
10710 Main Street
P.O. Box 388
Donald, OR 97020-0388

Phone: 503-678-5543

City Hall Hours:

Mon - Thurs =

8am to 4pm

Fridays = 8am to Noon

City Website:

www.donaldoregon.gov

Public Works:

Director: Alonso Limones
Phone: 503-678-1411

**Donald's Emergency
Pager: 503-301-6479**

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New Equipment Coming to City Park

Soon enough there will be two new pieces of park equipment added to the Little City Hall Park. One is a climbing curved ladder and the other is the classic game of volleyball! This equipment is partially funded by an Oregon State Parks Grant that Councilor Waller obtained and manages for the City. Councilor Waller will send out a survey regarding your thoughts and values on Parks next month.



Come Play Bingo!

The District 63 Firefighters are hosting the 46th Annual Bingo Night at the Donald Fire Station on **March 7th**, 2020. Dinner will be served from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., unless sold out earlier. Bingo games start at 6:30 p.m, Dinner is hamburgers or hotdogs, bag of chips and a drink for \$5! Dessert is pie and ice cream for \$4. Bingo costs \$0.50 per Bingo card per game. There will be a total of 20 games played. Bring your family to this fun community event. Not only are there a lot of Bingo games and great door prizes, but the best part is the proceeds go to the Wayne Yoder Memorial Scholarship Fund and community events. For more information call 503-678-5966.

City Calendar for February 2020

Mon 3: City Council Work Session 6:30pm
Mon 10: Donald Beautification Meeting 6:30pm
Tue 11: City Council Meeting 6:45pm
Fri 14: Happy Valentines Day!
Sat 15: Water & Sewer Bills Due
Mon 17: President's Day - City Offices Closed
Tue 18: Red Tags Delivered for Delinquent Accounts 10am
Thurs 20: Shut Offs for Delinquent Accounts 10am
Fri 21: Late Fees Applied to Water & Sewer Accounts 8am
Mon 24: Street Sweeper - Please Move Property Off Street
Thurs 27: Planning Commission Meeting (If needed) 6:45pm



DONALD MONTHLY RECORD

Mayor's Message Brad Oxenford



I am working on establishing a social media policy for the City of Donald and would like some input from our

community members on which platform they utilize to get information, Facebook, Twitter, etc. In addition the Council is considering and evaluating the ability to live stream public meetings of the Council and Planning Commission as a way to expand access. If the Council was to move in that direction, I am curious if you would use that service. I welcome your input and feedback on both of these items and ask that if you have questions, comments or concerns that you please email me directly at mayoroxenford@donaldoregon.gov.

Councilor's Corner Katie Gonzalez

With the new year and decade started, many people



identified goals to improve themselves. While this is important, as the liaison for the Civic Engagement and Public Health focus group, I encourage

individuals to consider overall wellness. There are eight dimensions for overall wellness:

1. Emotional/mental
 2. Environmental
 3. Financial
 4. Intellectual
 5. Occupational
 6. Physical
 7. Social
 8. Spiritual.
- Each of these dimensions need active attention to thrive and be balanced. We need to remember to prioritize self-care, even if we only have a few minutes each day. I challenge you – what will you do this month to improve your overall wellness?

Grand Prize Winners!



Bill and Dorlene Makowski

2019 Holiday Lighting Contest Award Winners

This year the \$50 Grand Prize Winner is the Makowski Family, they live on Butteville Road. There was a tie for second place. Winning \$25 each were the Buzzard family on Ruth Street and Robbins

family who live on Chantal Street. Congratulations and thank you to everyone for participating in this really fun annual event. The Council was impressed with the number of participants this year and how the town sparkled!



Maria Robbins



Mark Buzzard

Want to nominate someone for Community Member of the Month? Forms can be picked up at City Hall or filled out on the City's website at donaldoregon.gov. The Council reads the nomination and then votes.

Recycle Donald 2020

By Master Recycler Lauren Ostrander

Have you ever wondered if something can be recycled? Here are two good online resources to use.

1. Marion County Environmental Services: You can enter an item and it will tell you where you can bring it.

<https://apps.co.marion.or.us/recycle/>

2. You can type in your street address and enter a specific item and it will tell you if it can be put into your commingle recycle box or the nearest location to take it.

<https://northmarionrecycling.com/app/>

To set up a meeting to understand more about recycling please email me at laurenosterander@gmail.com. I will meet with individuals, families or Donald-based businesses to answer your recycling questions and help you reach your reduce, reuse and recycle goals.

Defensive Driving

Traffic Safety by Councilor Rod Scott

What is defensive driving? It is a set of driving skills that allows you to defend yourself against possible collisions caused by bad drivers, drunk drivers, and poor weather. If you look ahead and keep your eyes moving, you will spot potential hazards more easily. Once you have identified a potential hazard and decided what to do, act immediately.



Defensive drivers are able to avoid dangers on the road by using their safe driving practices.

Tips for defensive driving:

- Plan ahead for the unexpected.
- Be able to control speed.
- Be prepared to react to other drivers.
- Do not expect the other driver to do what you think he or she should do.
- Respect other users of the roadway.
- Be aware of driving in special road and weather conditions.
- Be alert and avoid distractions, e.g., cell phone use, eating.

Keep your Family & Streams Safe

Reprinted from a Marion County Public Works Flyer

Many household products contain hazardous chemicals which need to be disposed of properly. Items labeled **Danger, Warning, Caution, or Poison** should not be tossed in your residential garbage, as this increases the potential for release of these substances into the environment. The disposal of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) into storm drains, either directly or indirectly as runoff, can have a significant impact on our waterways by creating toxic levels of chemicals poisonous to aquatic life.



Water from storm drains does not get treated and runs directly into local waterways, so remember only rain down the drain. Protect your loved ones and local streams by disposing of

household products at the Marion County Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Some HHW items include: Antifreeze, pesticides, weed killer, herbicides, fuels, pool chemicals, solvent/degreaser, spot remover, turpentine, paint thinner, and engine cleaner. HHW is accepted free of charge from residents of Marion County. Please bring your households hazardous materials in the original retail containers with lids. Residents with containers larger than 5 gallons or multiple containers of any one substance must receive approval from Marion County prior to delivery at the HHW facility and may be charged a fee. Businesses must contact 1.503.742.7109 for an appointment and pricing.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility

3250 Deer Park Dr. SE

Salem, OR 97317

Thursdays and 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month

8 am- 3:30pm/ (503) 588-5036 (Residents)

Resource: <http://bit.ly/hhwMC>

City Engineer

Recently the City hired Tetra Tech to represent them as their new City Engineer. Tetra Tech is based in Tigard.

Council Meeting Recap: January 14, 2020

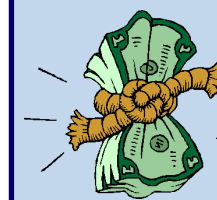
Annually, at the January Council meetings, the mayor delivers their State of the City Address, and this year was no different. Mayor Oxenford spoke about the City's accomplishments and upcoming activities for 2020 and for the future. The Council then heard several reports from community members regarding issues with neighbors as well as requests from downtown property owners for financial assistance for the sidewalk project. Then, the City Council continued with their business items. They approved a resolution accepting an economic development grant from Marion County. If you have an idea how to spend this \$45,000 for the purposes of economic development, please email Council President Gloria Nicholson at councilornicholson@donaldoregon.gov. She heads the Economic Development Focus Group and is tasked with finding the best usage for this grant money. The Council delayed the decision on possibly providing funding the sidewalk project and/or extending the payment plan agreements until their Thursday, January 16th Special Session meeting. The Council approved the over-street banner for Aurora Fire District's volunteer's Bingo night and waived the \$20 fee for the volunteers. They also approved the holiday lighting contest winners, the budget calendar for the next fiscal year, and for City Manager Heidi Bell to serve as the Budget Officer for the next year. At their Special Session meeting, the Council decided to offer payment plans for property owners for up to seven years. So far, 2020 is shaping up to be busy and productive year for the City of Donald, starting with new businesses, park equipment, a park restroom and sidewalks downtown! WOW! The next Council Meeting is February 11th, 2020 at 6:45 pm at Donald City Hall. Please feel free to attend or listen to the audio recording which can be found on the City's website.

Main Street Sidewalk Construction Starting in February

The City Council met on January 16, 2020 in a Special Meeting to discuss the sidewalk project. The new sidewalks are going in on Main Street, between the Butteville Road intersection to the railroad tracks. The work will start around February 10th and be completed around March 31st (weather permitting). You may experience delays when traveling down Main Street. Preparation for this project has taken place for over one and half years. Together with Marion County Public Works Engineering Staff the City staff has worked to find the most cost-effective solutions while bridging partnerships with the property owners. ODOT is providing \$50,000 to help cover about 50% of the costs for the ADA curbs and ramps and the property owners have to pick up the remaining amount. In addition to the engineering, design and project management work Marion County stepped up and provided an additional \$42,400 for curbs and catch basin work. The Donald City Council put together a payment plan option for property owners that can extend repayment for some people up to seven years. It is really exciting to have these improvements in our downtown!

Council and Planning Commission Goal Setting Meeting

On Saturday, January 25, 2020 the City Council and Planning Commission worked together to discuss their Mission Statement for the City as well as reviewing their adopted goals from 2019. You can read the 2019 goals or listen to the audio recording of the meeting on the City's website, under the *Council Meetings* tab. The Council will approve a resolution for the 2020 goals at their regular February meeting.



Budget Committee Recruitment

The Donald Budget Committee needs two volunteers this year. This group is composed of seven Donald citizens who sit equally alongside the Mayor and six Councilors to make decisions regarding the City's budget. This includes how the City should spend its revenue and set prices (including water and sewer fees). The Budget Committee hears a presentation from the City Manager/Budget Officer and reviews a balanced budget. The Budget Committee has authority to make changes to the proposed budget. If you are interested in serving on this important committee, an application can be printed off the City's website or picked up at City Hall. The term is for three years. This year's annual Budget Committee meeting is on May 19, 2020 at 6pm. There is a training class on May 14, at 6pm. Applications are due March 5 by 4pm to City Hall and the City Council will make the appointments at their March 10th meeting.